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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

An Examiner Interview, attended by Rhys Cheung and Christopher Palermo for the

Applicants, and Examiners Brian Whipple and Dohm Chankong, was held on September 11,

2008, in which U.S. Patent No. 6,317,838, issued to *Baize*, et al. ("*Baize*"), "Reflexive Access

Lists," published 5/5/1999, by Welcher, Peter J. ("*Welcher*"), U.S. Patent No. 5,689,638, issued

to *Sadovsky*, et al. ("*Sadovsky*"), "Configuring IP Access Lists," by Cisco Systems, Inc. ("*Cisco

I*"), and "Release Notes for the Cisco 1000 Series Routers for Cisco IOS Release 11.3," by Cisco

Systems, Inc. ("*Cisco II*") were discussed, along with the amendments that were made to Claim 1

of the present application in a response to Office action that was filed on September 9, 2008.

In particular, Applicants asked Examiner Whipple to reconsider the eligibility of *Welcher*

and *Cisco I* as prior art references. Examiner Whipple indicated that he agreed with Applicants'

assessment, and has agreed to remove *Welcher* and *Cisco I* as references. Applicants also

expressed that *Cisco II* cannot be used to qualify other references as prior art when those other

references would not otherwise qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Furthermore, Applicants also discussed some substantive features of Claim 1 as they

relate to the cited art. Specifically, Applicants discussed the "means for reconfiguring ..."

feature of Claim 1, and explained reasons why the cited references fail to teach the complete

feature. Applicants explained that *Baize* does not modify its access lists (the IP Filtering rules

20), and *Baize* does not keep an open passageway after a user terminates a session. Applicants

also discussed how *Cisco I* does not use any authorization information, but rather adds entries to

reflexive ACLs when a router implicitly authorizes a client by initiating communication with the

client (i.e. "in response to sessions that originate inside the router.").

Lastly, based on Applicants' explanations of the features Claim 1, Examiner Whipple

indicated it is possible that prior art reference *Sadovsky* does not fill the gaps left behind by *Baize*

and *Cisco I*.

Based on the points discussed, Examiner Whipple indicated that he will conduct a new

search for further examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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